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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NOS. 50-321/97-03 AND 50-366/97-03

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your response of July 17, 1997, to our Notice of Violation (NOV) issued on June 17, 1997, concerning activities conducted at your Hatch facility. We have evaluated your response and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201. We will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.

After reviewing your letter, we agree with your statement that Unit 2 did not operate in the "Operation Not Allowed Region" of the power-to-flow map during this event as stated in the Notice of Violation. The appropriate title of the region in question should have been the "Immediate Exit Region". Accordingly, this correspondence serves to adjust our records to reflect that Unit 2 operated for a short period of time in the "Immediate Exit Region" of the power-to-flow map.

We appreciate your bringing this to our attention and your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by Pierce H. Skinner)

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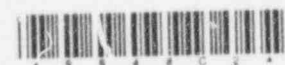
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